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The case of the man in South Dakota who was recently killed in a butcher knife duel with his wife would indicate that when a man fights with his better half he should be more careful in choosing his weapons.

The Rural mail carriers have been having troubles of their own since the heavy rains and more particularly since the snowfall. The roads are almost impassable and some trips have been missed. To persons acquainted with conditions however this reflects no discredit on the carriers.

Glaflin, according to a dispatch from that place, was without mail for three days this week, trains being snow bound.

Eggs Down to 16 Cents.

Let joy be unconfined. Let family men spring blithely down the sunlit streets carolling happy songs and, perchance, turning handsprings. Eggs are down to 16 cents and butter to 28. Think of it, you who were gloomy and despondent only a few months ago when bacon, at 45 cents—sliced—eggs at 35, and butter at 38 and 40 cents, the stuff of which dreams are made. Think how you had fits of the dolgrams and couldn't see any way out of the hole and your wife spent too much time reading freak articles about how to feed five persons for \$16 a month by doing without lard or baking-powder or some such thing! Doesn't it make you feel young again? Isn't life worth living after all?

But probably the best part of the whole business—an unholy pleasure, perhaps, but no less delightful—is the story which shows that the cause for the sudden slump in the cost of living is due primarily to the over supply in the storehouses, especially as to eggs. These eggs cost the smart alec speculators much more than they ever will receive for them. Indeed, this class of eggs was going at 13 cents a dozen in the big market centers last Wednesday. It seems a bit of Providence—it makes the weary digger for dollars grin—that about the time these speculators were well stocked with their boarding-house eggs the hens of the land began to lay regularly. Grocers and produce exchanges were joyously contemplating the profits from butter at 30 and 35 cents when someone noticed that cows, prospering in the sunshine of a mild winter, were giving more cream. That meant more butter, and more butter meant less profit. So the speculators suffered, and small pity for them at that, as Mr. Dooley would say. Of course a prolonged spell of cold weather would turn these prices up again, and they who eat regularly would again deny themselves. But for the present let joy be unconfined; let each of the children have a whole egg; let the entire family eat eggs, and let the shells fall where they may.—Kansas Industrialist.

Honors for Charlie Hooper.

Seven students in the K. U. schools of medicine and engineering were this week granted memberships in Sigma Xi, the honorary scientific society. Among those on whom this honor was conferred was Charles W. Hooper of this city. To become a member of this great honorary society is a distinction achieved by comparatively few and Charles' friends hasten to extend congratulations, feeling that he is worthy of this and all other honors which may be conferred upon him.

Did This Ever Occur to You?

To understand why people say "Dear Old Kansas" is to understand that Kansas is no mere geographical expression, but a "state of mind," religion and a philosophy in one.

In Kansas, as has been well said, "it is the ideas of the Pilgrims, not their descendants, that have had dominion in the young commonwealth." Ideas, sometimes, as well as the star of empire, move westward, and so it happens that Kansas is more Puritan than New England of today. It is what New England, Old England itself, once was—the frontier, an ever changing spot where dwell the courageous who defy fate and conquer circumstances. For the frontier is more than a matter of location, and Putnamism itself is a kind of frontier. There is an intellectual "West" as well as a territorial "West."

Kansas is not a community of which can be said, "Happy is the people without annals." It is a state with a past. It has a history of which its people are proud, and which they insist, as a matter of course, upon having taught in the public schools. There are Old Families in Kansas who know their place and keep it—sacred bearers of the traditions of the Kansas Struggle. The belief that Kansas was founded for a cause distinguishes it, in the eyes of its inhabitants, are pre-eminently the home of freedom. It lifts the history of the state out of the commonplace of ordinary westward

immigration and gives to the temper of the people a certain elevated and martial quality. The people of Iowa or Nebraska are well enough, but their history has never brought them in touch with cosmic processes.—Extract from an article by Professor Carl Becker, of the University of Kansas, in "Turner Studies in American History."—News Bulletin.

Dave Gray, of Hoisington was here on business Monday.

The friends of Sam Pratt are glad to learn that he is able to be at work again after a short spell of sickness.

Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Neier, of Indianapolis are here visiting Mr. Neier's sister, Mrs. Dan Asher. They are on their way home from Texas where they have been spending the winter.

Miss Viola Sack, of Larned visited a few days last week the guest of Misses Clara and Pearl Johnson.

Mrs. Will Rash, of Denver was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Whitcomb, the first of the week.

A fine 10 pound baby boy was born Saturday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eldridge of the Moses farm.

E. E. Wagoner has returned from the east where he has been buying a big stock of goods.

Miss Esther Huffman, of Chicago who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Stinson, returned home Friday morning.

PAID IN FULL.

At Ellinwood Sunday Night Feb. 26.

The management of the K. of C. Opera House at Ellinwood have been very fortunate in securing Wagenbals & Kemper's presentment of Eugene Walter's Great American Play, "Paid in Full."

This play is without any question one of the best that ever visited this section of the country and one that it will be worth going miles to see. Following are a few comments by noted men and women who have witnessed the play:

George M. Shippey, Superintendent of Police, Chicago, says: "I desire to state that I have witnessed the performance "Paid in Full" at the Grand Opera House, and I regard it as one of the most instructive as well as one of the most entertaining plays on the American stage. It depicts in most truthful manner American life in our large cities, and cannot but prove most interesting and instructive to all students of human nature who may see it."

Maurice J. Dorney, St. Gabriel's Church, Chicago: "The disastrous consequences of dishonesty have rarely been as strikingly pictured as in "Paid in Full." It's tribute to the wifely devotion, even with risks that are appalling, makes one think of the old fashioned couples that built up the sturdy races of the past. But what struck me the most was the masterful influence of the pure woman

to conquer, subdue and lead captive the beast in a very profligate man. It is a word of praise for all mankind which, even at its worst, admires, loves and worships virtue."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, The "Poetess of Passion" says: "The influence of books and plays on the mind for good, or ill, especially upon the minds of the young, is well known, and generally conceded."

"I have recently witnessed a play which I would commend to every discouraged, faultfinding, discontented man or woman who sees these lines. The play is "Paid in Full" It may be classed as one of the New Thought plays of the day, a play showing how every man is his own destiny. To those who can see this drama it is to be commended as distinctly worth while."

Seats now on sale at Trump's drug store, Ellinwood. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

A fine boy put in his appearance at the J. K. Sloan home Sunday.

E. R. Moses returned Sunday night from a business trip to Saint Louis and Kansas City.

Chas. Lischesky returned Monday from the eastern markets. He has been purchasing an immense stock of summer goods for the Lischesky Dry Goods Co.

Mr. Don Wellman, of Topeka was the guest of Miss Hazel Buckland, a few days last week.

EQUALS BEST BARON TOLD

Achievements of Modern Science Make Story More Incredible Than Any of Munchausen's.

Baron Munchausen's famous book of travels was published in 1785, exactly a century and a quarter ago. That is not a very long time, says the New York Evening Post. But suppose Munchausen had professed to carry his travels into an undiscovered land, where science and invention had had a start of a century or two as compared with Europe; and suppose that he had told of an invention by which the exact picture of an object was permanently impressed upon a plate by a brief exposure to light; that at first it took some minutes of exposure to make the picture, but that year by year methods were found for increasing the sensitiveness of the plates, until at last a picture could be obtained in an almost infinitesimal fraction of a second; that a favorite amusement of the people was to look at a swift succession of pictures of this kind, portraying persons and things in motion, which produced upon the eye the precise impression of the original living scene; but that some exhibitors of such scenes got into trouble because the actors in them had indulged in vile language, forgetful of the fact that the motion of their lips was perfectly reproduced, and that deaf mutes had been taught to read the lips. Would not this story have been regarded as equaling in incredibility, and surpassing in grotesqueness, almost anything the baron actually put into his book?

HERE IS THE "PERFECT" CAT

Expert Describes the Points Which Constitute the Standard Type of Feline.

Catastrophe came to many cats of all classes at the annual exhibit of the Los Angeles (Cal.) Cat club.

Here is Mrs. de Blin's description of the perfect or standard cat:

"The perfect type of male must have a large round head, small ears set far apart, and large, round eyes. He should be set low on his legs, and the upper joints of the legs should be short. The male should have large, strong legs, and the broad chest of the bulldog. He should have a general stocky build. Colors vary with the different classes. The nose should be stub, and the tail, when extended over the back, should not reach farther than the shoulder joint. In general, the brush should be short and thick, and in proportion to the build. The same characteristics are required for females, except that the rugged frame of the male is not essential."

"A tabby cat is a cat with markings, either of stripes or blotches, in light or dark shades. The name comes from the old Persian word Atab, meaning watered silk."

Where Women Work.

The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Hoedle, situated at the east of Belle Isle. Its population is two hundred and thirty-eight. They do not speak French, except the cure and the school master, but Celtic, and they are provided with food at an inn managed by the women. Fishing is the principal industry. The profits are divided up each year among the inhabitants. The men live on soup and fish, and smoke pipes with lobster claws for stems. The women do all the hard work—get in the harvest, look out for wreckage, and gather seaweed, from which they extract soda. The town has no streets. The houses are of mud. The islanders have a yearly feast in the early part of October. The island possesses a good water supply. The governing body is composed of the ten ancients of the place, under the direction of the cure.

Passion of Ambition.

Ambition, that high and glorious passion, which makes such havoc among the sons of men, arises from a proud desire of honor and distinction, and when the splendid trappings in which it is usually caparisoned are removed, will be found to consist of the mean materials of envy, pride and covetousness. It is described by different authors as a gallant madness, a pleasant poison, a hidden plague, a secret poison, a caustic of the soul, the moth of holiness, the mother of hypocrisy, and by crucifying and disquieting all it takes hold of the cause of melancholy and madness.—Richard Burton.

Modern Game of Chess.

Chess, as played today is a comparatively modern game, but is the outcome of centuries of development. The earliest record of chess problems is thought to be a passage in a Persian manuscript attributed to Caliph Kalif-en Mutasim Blash, who reigned nine years in Bagdad in the first of the ninth century, A. D. If the passage were understood it would be found to refer to a game of chess so unlike that of today that the problem would make no interesting appeal to any modern chess-player.

Freedom of Speech.

Newspapers in England had not the right to criticize the policy of the king and the ministers until the end of the eighteenth century. Mr. Walter, the first editor of the London Times, had to serve a year's imprisonment for censuring the duke of York. That was more than 100 years after Milton, in the "Areopagitica," stated in unanswerable fashion the reasons for freedom of speech.

RUG TIME

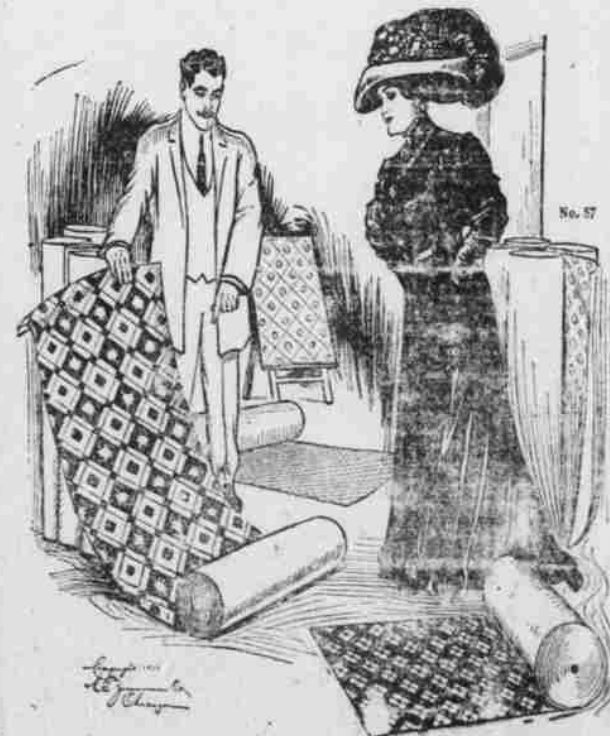
RUG REASONS

Rugs are becoming more commonly used for several reasons

- 1st. Because it is a complete pattern in itself.
- 2nd. Best designed patterns
- 3rd. No trouble in matching or fitting
- 4th. Easily removed for cleaning
- 5th. The above advantages with less cost than carpet, quality considered

Our spring stock which has just arrived is as complete as will be found in Central Kansas

YOUR INSPECTION INVITED



ONCE YOU USE LINOLEUM

on your kitchen and see how much easier it is to keep clean than a floor and how much cleaner it is than a carpet, you will never use anything else.

We do not handle cheap goods of this kind, although some of the grades are inexpensive.

If you but call and see them and consider quality, you will buy your floor covering at our store.

Great Bend Furniture Co.

Home of the Quality Kind